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HIGHLIGHTS

The 1982 Statistics for Telephone Companies in Pennsylvania indicate that:

Operating revenues increased 166% from $1.126 million in 1972 to $2,993 million in 1982. Net income after taxes increased 130% from $143 million in 1972 to $330 million in 1982. See Table 1.

* The number of telephones in use decreased over 345,000 from 1981 to 1982 while the number of subscribers decreased 4,000. See Table 2.

* During the past year operating revenue increased $293 million, while net income after taxes increased $22 million. See Table 3.

* Operating revenue for the 16 largest telephone companies excluding Bell of Pennsylvania increased from 1981 to 1982. Net income, after taxes increased for fourteen of the companies and decreased for two. See Table 4.

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1982 CENSUS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

A. INTRODUCTION

This report presents data for telephone utilities collected in the 1982 Census of Public Utilities in Pennsylvania, as provided in the Act of April 20, 1921, P.L. 193, as amended. Completeness of coverage and classification of public utilities are checked by cooperative interchange of information with federal and state agencies. The 1982 calendar year is the period covered by this report.

B. DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

(1) This report presents data for telephone utilities operating in Pennsylvania with $1,000 or more gross operating revenue. The telephone utilities have been divided into three categories:

(a) American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its subsidiaries.
(b) Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.
(c) Independent Telephone Companies.

(2) Net investment - Telephone plant in service, including land as of December 31, 1982 less any depreciation reserves.

(3) Capital expenditures - Actual or estimated value of construction put in place, plus cost of equipment and machinery purchased.

(4) Number of employees - Average number of employees who received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the 15th of March, May, August, and November. Employees include persons on paid vacations, but exclude members of the armed forces and pensioners carried on the utility's active rolls. Corporate officers are included, while proprietors and partners of unincorporated utilities and contract employees are excluded.

(5) Wages and salaries - Gross earnings during the reported year, prior to such deductions as employees' Social Security contributions, withholding taxes, group insurance, and union dues. Included are commissions, dismissal pay, all bonuses, vacation and sick-leave pay, and the value of compensation in kind.

C. COMPARABILITY OF DATA WITH OTHER STATISTICAL SERIES

Pennsylvania statistics on telephone companies are also collected by the Federal Communications Commission and published in a release called "Statistics of the Communications Industry in the United States." In general, the statistics in the F. C. C. release are directly comparable with those presented in this release.

D. AVAILABILITY OF DATA FOR INDIVIDUAL UTILITIES

Individual telephone utility reports are available for inspection in the Bureau of Statistics, Research, and Planning in the Department of Commerce.

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TABLE 1

NET INVESTMENT, OPERATING REVENUE, NET INCOME,
AND SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1972-1982

	1982	1972	% Change 1982 to 1972
Net Investment ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 6,526	$ 3,017	+116.3
In 1972 Dollars	$ 3,132	$ 3,017	+3.8
Number of Employees	40,119	44,565	-10.0
Wages and Salaries ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 1,065	$ 480	+121.9
In 1972 Dollars	$ 511	$ 480	+6.4
Average Annual Wage Per Employee			
In Current Dollars	$26,552	$10,776	+146.4
In 1972 Dollars	$12,744	$10,776	+18.3
Total Operating Revenues ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 2,993	$ 1,126	+165.8
In 1972 Dollars	$ 1,436	$ 1,126	+27.5
Net Income Before Taxes ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 764	$ 354	+115.8
In 1972 Dollars	$ 367	$ 354	+3.7
Net Income After Taxes ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 330	$ 143	+130.8
In 1972 Dollars	$ 158	$ 143	+10.5
Number - Business Subscribers (thousands)	516	503	+2.6
Number - Residential Subscribers (thousands)	4,252	3,692	+15.2
Total Number - Subscribers (thousands)	4,768	4,194	+13.7
Total Phones (thousands)	9,569	7,964	+20.2
Average Number of Phones Per Subscriber	2.04	1.90	+7.4
Average Revenue Per Phone			
In Current Dollars	$312.84	$139.70	+123.9
In 1972 Dollars	$150.16	$139.70	+7.5
Net Investment Per Subscriber			
In Current Dollars	$ 1,369	$ 719	+90.4
In 1972 Dollars	$ 657	$ 719	-8.6

TABLE 2

PLANT IN SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND SALARIES, NUMBER OF TELEPHONES AND NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1982 AND 1981

[Money figures in thousands of dollars]

Item	Total		American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 1/		Bell Telephone Company 2/		Independent telephone companies	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Number of telephone companies	56	58	3	3	1	1	52	54
Telephone plant in service, including land	$8,344,813	$7,893,712	$558,768	$532,321	$6,017,779	$5,682,446	$1,768,265	$1,678,945
Less: Depreciation reserve	1,819,971	1,579,619	143,997	141,893	1,147,516	971,927	527,458	465,799
Net investment	6,525,842	6,314,093	410,802	390,428	4,870,263	4,710,519	1,240,808	1,213,146
Capital expenditures	751,608	794,438	30,505	41,989	557,252	597,280	163,851	155,169
Number of employees	40,119	41,326	1,956	2,210	30,367	31,094	7,796	8,022
Wages and salaries	$1,065,231	$1,008,444	$56,250	$51,939	$842,681	$798,651	$166,300	$157,854
Number of telephone exchanges	1,368	1,361	3/	3/	926	918	442	443
Number of telephones in use 4/ (thousands)	9,569	9,914	3/	3/	7,633	7,951	1,936	1,963
Number of telephone subscribers (thousands)	4,768	4,772	3/	3/	3,611	3,621	1,157	1,151
Number of business subscribers (thousands)	516	528	3/	3/	349	365	166	163
Number of residential subscribers (thousands)	4,252	4,244	3/	3/	3,262	3,256	990	988

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

1/ Includes two subsidiaries owned and operated by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Pennsylvania, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Pennsylvania and the East Pittsburgh Telephone Company
2/ While wholly owned by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania is a separate operating company.
3/ Does not operate exchanges. Operations of these companies consist of operating interstate and international toll lines.
4/ Includes extention phones.

TABLE 3

REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1982 AND 1981

[Money figures in thousands of dollars]

Revenue and expenses	Total 1/		Bell Telephone Company		Independent telephone companies	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Operating revenues, total	$2,993,499	$2,700,392	$2,432,802	$2,204,155	$560,697	$496,237
Revenue from local service	1,505,186	1,338,069	1,256,832	1,117,008	348,109	221,061
Revenue from toll service 2/	1,352,330	1,239,121	1,059,220	981,027	293,109	258,094
Other operating revenues 3/	135,983	123,202	116,749	106,120	19,234	17,082
Operating expenses, total	2,029,009	1,767,682	1,674,788	1,458,916	354,222	308,766
Maintenance expenses	611,238	567,273	498,344	467,169	112,894	100,104
Other operating expenses	898,925	798,389	769,042	681,647	129,883	116,742
Depreciation and amortization	518,846	402,020	407,402	310,100	111,444	91,920
Non-operating revenue 4/	13,248	8,082	4,967	2,015	8,281	6,067
Non-operating expenses 5/	213,507	211,696	159,600	160,394	53,907	51,302
Net income, before taxes	764,231	729,096	603,381	586,860	160,849	142,236
Taxes	433,763	420,366	343,465	341,560	90,298	78,806
Net income, after taxes	330,467	308,730	259,917	245,300	70,551	63,430

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

1/ Does not include the American Telephone and Telegraph Company or its two owned and operated subsidiaries in Pennsylvania (the American Telegraph and Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and the East Pittsburgh Telephone Company), because the business of these companies is interstate and international and therefore not accounted for by state.
2/ Includes long distance calls and public pay telephones.
3/ Includes rental of the phone facilities, telegraph commissions, directory advertising and sales, and other miscellaneous operating revenues less any uncollectible revenue.
4/ Includes dividends, interest received, rental, property sold, and incidental income.
5/ Includes interest carrying charges on inactive assets, bonuses to executives, and loss from fire or flood.

TABLE 4

INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, SUBSCRIBERS, REVENUE, EXPENSES AND NET INCOME FOR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1981 AND 1982

[Money figures in thousands of dollars]

	Total		The General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania		The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Net investment	$1,240,808	$1,213,145	$413,247	$403,774	$251,379	$254,033
Capital expenditures	$163,851	$155,166	$62,333	$58,879	$22,566	$28,592
Number of employees	7,796	8,012	3,002	3,166	1,844	1,864
Wages and salaries	$ 166,300	$ 157,853	$ 63,373	$ 60,655	$ 39,068	$ 37,428
Number of telephone exchanges	442	443	62	62	90	90
Number of telephones in use	1,935,904	1,963,723	599,456	612,791	377,017	386,396
Number of subscribers	1,156,978	1,151,446	366,283	365,467	223,232	226,411
Business subscribers	166,524	163,582	65,787	63,653	27,519	28,496
Residential subscribers	990,454	987,864	300,496	301,814	195,713	197,915
Operating revenue	$ 560,697	$ 496,237	$200,051	$179,495	$118,436	$105,798
Operating expenses	354,222	308,766	132,711	155,198	69,042	62,304
Non-operating revenue	8,281	6,067	1,228	841	2,077	1,456
Non-operating expenses	53,907	51,302	19,562	17,764	9,655	10,132
Net income, before taxes	160,849	142,236	49,006	47,374	41,815	34,818
Taxes	90,298	78,806	27,445	27,226	24,824	19,699
Net income, after taxes	70,551	63,430	21,561	20,148	16,991	15,119

	Commonwealth Telephone Company		Mid-Penn Telephone Company		North Pittsburgh Telephone Company	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Net investment	$ 134,328	$ 133,510	$120,768	$112,361	$ 37,066	$ 33,520
Capital expenditures	$ 12,959	$ 12,243	$ 18,554	$ 14,752	$ 5,139	$ 4,343
Number of employees	654	673	646	635	260	300
Wages and salaries	$ 14,280	$ 13,988	$ 13,717	$ 12,731	$ 5,726	$ 5,626
Number of telephone exchanges	76	76	50	50	8	7
Number of telephones in use	248,045	240,982	188,029	186,867	53,850	53,820
Number of subscribers	139,145	137,076	112,801	112,609	31,758	27,625
Business subscribers	15,488	15,101	14,843	14,505	4,918	4,257
Resident subscribers	123,657	121,975	97,958	98,104	26,840	23,368
Operating revenue	$ 54,944	$ 50,850	$ 50,248	$ 42,449	$ 18,221	$ 15,437
Operating expenses	32,221	30,447	33,240	27,957	10,306	9,304
Non-operating revenue	1,690	756	568	117	646	378
Non-operating expenses	6,780	6,563	4,615	4,056	1,354	1,326
Net income, before taxes	19,634	14,596	12,960	10,553	7,207	5,185
Taxes	10,324	8,030	5,588	4,583	4,065	2,998
Net income, after taxes	9,310	6,566	7,372	5,970	3,142	2,187

	Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania		The Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company		Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Net investment	$ 37,408	$ 36,176	$ 25,881	$ 26,222	$ 26,113	$ 25,720
Capital expenditures	$ 4,865	$ -	$ 2,352	$ 4,010	$ 2,089	$ 2,439
Number of employees	263	231	127	131	128	135
Wages and salaries	$ 5,885	$ 4,476	$ 3,151	$ 3,029	$ 2,725	$ 2,793
Number of telephone exchanges	15	16	10	10	6	6
Number of telephones in use	60,104	69,149	45,216	44,891	53,813	53,872
Number of subscribers	40,749	39,897	27,294	26,363	28,437	27,988
Business subscribers	8,949	8,396	3,136	2,709	3,696	3,539
Residential subscribers	31,800	31,501	24,158	23,654	24,741	24,449
Operating revenue	$ 17,102	$ 15,534	$ 11,283	$ 9,960	$ 10,608	$ 9,185
Operating expenses	11,178	9,809	6,800	5,740	5,473	4,776
Non-operating revenue	182	221	14	94	8	12
Non-operating expenses	1,706	1,869	1,380	1,461	771	1,012
Net income, before taxes	4,400	4,077	3,117	2,853	4,371	3,409
Taxes	2,592	2,342	1,671	1,508	2,369	1,848
Net income, after taxes	1,808	1,735	1,446	1,345	2,002	1,561

	Quaker State Telephone Company		Murraysville Telephone Company		Brookville Telephone Company	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Net investment	$ 26,238	$ 25,393	$ 26,485	$ 25,233	$ 26,206	$ 25,349
Capital expenditures	$ 2,932	$ -	$ 5,392	$ 6,185	$ 4,491	$ 6,752
Number of employees	38	52	100	103	95	100
Wages and salaries	$ 977	$ 1,033	$ 2,114	$ 2,107	$ 2,139	$ 2,017
Number of telephone exchanges	22	20	5	5	17	17
Number of telephones in use	35,544	34,869	42,481	41,318	29,831	30,294
Number of subscribers	23,674	23,104	19,852	19,584	17,619	17,741
Business subscribers	2,323	2,276	2,327	2,318	1,957	1,961
Residential subscribers	21,351	20,828	17,525	17,266	15,662	15,780
Operating revenue	$ 10,462	$ 9,975	$ 9,533	$ 8,201	$ 7,664	$ 5,717
Operating expenses	6,886	6,003	5,495	4,347	5,244	3,561
Non-operating revenue	143	174	500	725	206	428
Non-operating expenses	1,096	924	1,008	960	1,480	1,358
Net income, before taxes	2,624	3,222	3,530	3,619	1,146	1,226
Taxes	1,500	1,842	1,750	1,983	642	631
Net income, after taxes	1,124	1,380	1,780	1,636	504	595

	Bethel and Mt. Aetna Telephone and Telegraph Company		Enterprise Telephone Company		Buffalo Valley Telephone Company	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Net investment	$ 21,019	$ 20,782	$ 11,268	$ 11,273	$ 9,324	$ 8,620
Capital expenditures	$ 2,534	$ 2,523	$ 1,005	$ 1,616	$ 1,537	$ 1,686
Number of employees	105	106	70	76	67	64
Wages and salaries	$ 2,207	$ 2,064	$ 1,470	$ 1,512	$ 1,545	$ 1,334
Number of telephone exchanges	8	8	4	4	2	2
Number of telephones in use	32,050	32,551	24,532	24,470	22,356	22,292
Number of subscribers	19,895	19,677	14,166	12,901	11,857	11,716
Business subscribers	2,707	2,684	3,630	2,577	1,620	1,571
Residential subscribers	17,188	16,993	10,536	10,324	10,237	10,145
Operating revenue	$ 8,709	$ 7,624	$ 6,030	$ 5,052	$ 4,659	$ 3,639
Operating expenses	5,236	5,028	2,931	2,552	2,776	2,319
Non-operating revenue	104	71	52	35	51	41
Non-operating expenses	711	711	578	590	352	265
Net income, before taxes	2,865	1,856	2,573	1,945	1,582	1,096
Taxes	1,514	1,026	1,420	1,092	945	634
Net income, after taxes	1,352	830	1,153	853	637	462

	The Northeastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company		Palmerton Telephone Company 1/		Other independent Telephone Company	
	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981
Net investment	$ 6,005	$ 5,980	$ 5,161	$ 4,032	$ 62,912	$ 61,167
Capital expenditures	$ 570	$ -	$ 2,333	$ 326	$ 12,199	$ 10,820
Number of employees	40	42	26	26	331	308
Wages and salaries	$ 1,003	$ 912	$ 446	$ 406	$ 6,146	$ 5,742
Number of telephone exchanges	8	8	4	4	55	59
Number of telephones in use	11,132	10,967	10,350	10,333	102,098	107,861
Number of subscribers	7,700	7,576	6,906	6,804	65,610	68,907
Business subscribers	722	713	865	863	6,037	7,963
Residential subscribers	6,978	6,863	6,041	5,941	59,573	60,944
Operating revenue	$ 2,950	$ 2,515	$ 2,492	$ 1,913	$ 25,304	$ 22,893
Operating expenses	2,057	1,898	1,559	1,343	18,066	16,080
Non-operating revenue	78	46	2/	2/	736	672
Non-operating expenses	372	304	443	262	2,044	1,745
Net income, before taxes	598	359	490	308	5,930	5,740
Taxes	285	165	258	172	3,106	3,027
Net income, after taxes	313	194	231	137	2,824	2,712

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

1/ Effective January 31, 1982, the Freeport Telegraph and Telephone Company was merged with the North Pittsburgh Telephone Company.

2/ Less than $500.